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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, EC

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF FIGHTER PLANES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR

REFERENCE: A) QUITO 801; B) QUITO 871

1. REQUEST YOU DO NOT REPEAT NOT PUSH THE F-5 ON THE GOE OR GIVE THEM ANY REASON TO BELIEVE WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE IT EVEN IF THEY SHOULD INDEPENDENTLY DECIDE THEY WANT TO ACQUIRE IT. ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES ON ARMS TRANSFERS ARE NOW UNDER PREPARATION, WILL PROBABLY DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY FROM PAST PRACTICES, AND WILL CERTAINLY INCLUDE RESTRAINTS ON US OFFICIALS FROM ENCOURAGING ARMS SALES. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO BE SEEN AS IMMEDIATELY SEEKING COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE FROM THE DENIAL OF THE KFIR SECRET

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SALE.

- 2. REFTEL A IS BEING STUDIED TO SEE WHAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR INCREASING THE GOE'S FY 77 FMS CREDIT ALLOCATION. WE WILL TRY TO GET AN ANSWER TO YOU ASAP.
- 3. FYI: YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF THE

PROBABILITY THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KFIR DENIAL WAS TO BE MADE AT THE FEBRUARY 7 PRESS BRIEFING. HUMAN ERRORS

WERE THE REASON YOU WERE NOT, FOR WHICH WE APOLOGIZE. IT MAY NOT BE ANY CONSOLATION, BUT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN ARA TO PREVENT SUCH MISTAKES IN THE FUTURE.

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